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Sir:

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## IN THE WRITTEN DESCRIPTION

Please substitute the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 16, and ending at page 1, line 20, with the following paragraph:

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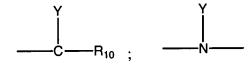


This application is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/545,139, filed on April 7, 2000, which is a divisional application of U.S. Serial No. 08/950,673, filed October 16, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,071,948, which is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 08/468,792, filed June 6, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,712,291, which is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 08/168,817, filed December 15, 1993, now U.S. Patent No. 5,629,327, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 08/025,046, filed on March 1, 1993, now abandoned.

Please substitute the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 1, and ending at page 14, line 5, with the following paragraph:

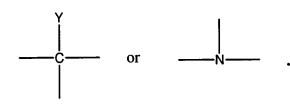
In the above formulae A), B), and C), R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>3</sub>, and R<sub>4</sub> can be selected from: -H; -OH; =O; straight chained and branched chain alkanes, alkenes, alkynes; cyclic alkanes, alkenes, and alkynes; combinations of cyclic and acyclic alkanes, alkenes, and alkynes; alcohol, aldehyde, ketone, carboxylic acid, ester, or ether moieties in combination with acyclic, cyclic, or combination acyclic/cyclic moieties; aza; amino; -XO<sub>n</sub> or -O-XO<sub>n</sub>, (where X=N and n=2; X=S and n=2 or 3; or X=P and n=1-3); and halogens.

In the above formulae A), B), and C), R5, R6, and R7 are each independently selected from:



or -O- where Y is optional and is the same as defined above for  $R_1$ ; and where  $R_{10}$  is the same as defined above for  $R_1$ , or (where Y is absent)  $R_{10}$  is =O; and where  $R_8$  is independently selected from:

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In the above formulae A), B), and C), R9 is a moiety having formula D), E), F), G) or H):

D) 
$$-R_{11}-R_{12}$$

E)

 $-R_{11}$   $R_{13}$   $R_{15}$ 

F) 
$$R_{11} = R_{13}$$
  $R_{14}$ 

G)
$$-R_{11}$$

$$R_{12}$$

$$R_{13}$$

$$R_{14}$$

$$R_{15}$$

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H)

$$\begin{array}{c}
R_{18} \\
-C-R_{19} \\
I \\
R_{20}
\end{array}$$

where each of  $R_{12}$ - $R_{17}$  is (independently) the same as defined above for  $R_5$  and where  $R_{11}$  is (independently) the same as defined above for  $R_8$ .

In the above formula H), R<sub>18</sub>, R<sub>19</sub> and R<sub>20</sub> are independently selected from

